

# JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Patty Britton  | 10 Ron Dubois       | 22 Lynsey Stuart   |
| 1 Kim Pennington | 10 Chloe Levering   | 26 Amanda Murphy   |
| 5 Kathy Erskine  | 11 Pat Sexton       | 29 Bob McLean      |
| 5 Shawn Bailes   | 11 Howard Claiborne | 30 Mary Scarbrough |
| 6 Carolyn Gahan  | 14 Lisa Parker      | 30 David Leckie    |
| 7 David Draper   | 15 Ben Sarles       | 30 Ali Sarles      |
| 9 Jean Johnson   | 17 Mike Jones       | 31 Katie Bailes    |
|                  | 20 Liam Quinn       |                    |

Happy July Birthday to you!

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## MATTHEW • TWENTY FIVE •

*Philippians 3:13-14* "Friends, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (ESV)

Dear Erin Folks,  
It has been so good to get back to church and worship with you in the sanctuary. It's only when we see each other, do we actually realize how much we have missed meeting together over the last fifteen months. Now that things are much safer, it is great to have the opportunity to praise God together. May we never, ever take this for granted again!

This whole pandemic has changed every one of us, so maybe we're also wondering how this has affected the church? Just before Covid-19 hit, we were in the final year of our **BELONG-BECOME-BEYOND** Vision and were getting ready to work on ministries and missions beyond the church walls. The pandemic put a stop to all of that, so where do we go from here?

Recently, our Session elders have been discussing our future and looking for a way ahead. Our denomination is emphasizing a new vision which may help us take the right steps. It's called the **Matthew 25 Ministry** and is run by the PC(USA)'s Mission Agency. The ministry encourages individual congregations and regional presbyteries to become involved in local communities as active compassion and support agencies to help

with issues like poverty, mental health, racism, and affordable housing. This is something we have focused on through the last year with our weekly Bridgebuilders' sessions. It also gives us a way forward of fulfilling both of our Vision and Mission statements:

**VISION:** *Unified in Christ, we actively seek to create harmony in a diverse community through compassion, mutual respect, and love.*

**MISSION:** *The mission of Erin Church is to **belong** to the diverse family in Christ; to love and accept all as God's children; to **become** disciples who embody and share the gospel; and to serve our church and **beyond**.*

Over the next couple of months, we will be focusing on what becoming a Matthew 25 congregation will look like for Erin Church. The good work that we're already doing with Bridgebuilders, Sunset Gap, and international missions is a great place to start. The more ministries and issues that we can support beyond our walls, the more we can advance and share the kingdom of God with others who need healing, help, and wholeness in their lives. I hope and pray that you will be both encouraged and excited about what lies ahead.

May God bless you, your loved ones, and all of

# WORSHIP & MORE

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN JULY AND AUGUST

Starting on 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we're going to revert to outdoor services at 9:30AM on Sundays. It will be the only in-person worship gathering at the church. We're doing this for several reasons.

- A) Some of our folks are still a bit reticent about being inside the building, so to help them through this transition, we're encouraging them to worship with us outdoors in the parking lot.
- B) The services will last about 30-40 minutes, so all of our folks can have the rest of the Sabbath Day to enjoy. 😊

C) We'll invite our neighborhood community to come along and join us.

If the weather is inclement, we'll hold the worship service inside the building. When we meet outdoors, folks are asked to bring a lawn chair for each family member. We'll have paper copies of our liturgy available as usual, as well as some water for those who may need it. The service will be informal, so casual clothes will be acceptable.

We will present these services **from Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July through till August 8<sup>th</sup>**. Our online pre-recorded services will still be available, too.

## JULY EVENTS

- 4TH OF JULY Begin 9:30am Outdoor Services**
- 6th 7pm Discipleship Meeting and Fellowship
- 8th 7pm Worship Team Meeting
- 11th 12pm Outreach
- 12th 6pm Property and 7pm Stewardship
- 15th 7pm Session Meeting
- 16th 12pm Staff Meeting
- 18th 2pm Visitor Follow-up
- 21st 7:30pm MIT Meeting
- 24th 9am Session Workshop

## HEBREWS CONNECTIONS CLASS

Through the summer, Pastor Stuart will be writing a weekly Bible study based on the New Testament Letter to the Hebrews. Each week, participants will be able to study a different chapter using the notes that Pastor Stuart will send by email and post on Facebook. If you would like to receive these study notes, then contact our administrator April at the office (865-588-5350) or by email (admin@erinpresbyterian.org) and she will add you to the email class group.

## THANK YOU FROM THE DUBOIS FAMILY

You, the members of our church family, are such a blessing! We struggle with Ron's cancer diagnosis many doctor appointments, pain medications, and a myriad of other activities. Your visits, cards, yummy food, and phone calls keep us feeling loved during this challenge.

He is beginning a new treatment. If successful, the growth of the tumor can be slowed. So keep praying for us, please, and stay close by. We both send you our shalom!!

-Sonja and Ron

If you would like to help provide meals for Ron and Sonja, go to this link at Signup Genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49adae23a1fd0-ronand>



Erin Presbyterian Church  
**Ron and Sonja DuBois Meals**  
 Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!  
 Location: DuBois Home

# FINANCIALS & OUTREACH

Erin Presbyterian Church Profit & Loss July 1, 2020 through June 14, 2021	
	Jul 1, '20 - Jun 14, 21
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Administration Income	778.48
Creative Expression Income	632.00
Discipleship Income	2,300.27
Fellowship Income	125.00
Offerings	377,457.32
Outreach Income	0.00
Property Income	10,635.00
Stewardship Income	8.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>391,936.05</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>391,936.05</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Org Health & Culture Team	1,279.13
Marketing & Communication Team	120.40
IT Team	4,820.90
Administration Team	13,199.57
Creative Expressions Ministry	8,872.00
Discipleship Team	4,152.64
Fellowship Team	316.96
Outreach Team	30,186.29
Pastoral Ministry	108,624.56
Payroll Expenses	0.00
Property Team	54,524.69
Stewardship Team	105,155.81
Worship Team	619.70
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>331,872.65</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>60,063.40</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
Memorial Fund Income	700.00
Property Fund Income	0.00
Restricted Accts Income	3,759.46
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>4,459.46</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>	
Memorial Fund Expense	54.48
Restricted Accts Expense	3,798.37
Depreciation Expense	3,200.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>7,052.85</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-2,593.39</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>57,470.01</b>



## OUR SPONSORED CHILD LENORA

Remember to keep Lenora in your prayers.  
 Birthdate: January 10, 2008  
 Lives in Guatemala

## LETTER FROM PASTOR MAMISOA

My family and I are fine, though our kids are pretty lonesome due to virtual learning at home. As for me, I just finished the 2020-21 academic year and have initiated the research and writing process related to my DEdMin final dissertation. I have to turn in my first draft in Fall, so the next three months will be hectic. Mainly, I have to conduct my research online with people in Madagascar as I cannot travel because Madagascar's border is still closed. I hope that Madagascar re-opens up within the next two months, and if the finances permit, doing the research onsite will be best than online. The churches in Madagascar, especially FJKM, have been closed for a few months but will re-open this Sunday. The covid rates have decreased, vaccines are available, but we understand that people are reluctant to get the shot due to insufficient information given to them about it. The impact of covid, like worldwide, has been tremendously hard for the significant population in Madagascar.

Anyway, please convey my gratitude to the Outreach committee and Erin Congregation for your continuing support in this journey at Columbia.

Thanks to all of you!

Mamisoa Rakotomalala

# FINANCIALS

Erin Presbyterian Church  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of June 14, 2021

	<u>Jun 14, 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	25,749.94
HF Savings	228,332.97
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>254,082.91</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>254,082.91</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Building Improvements	46,547.00
Computer Equipment	2,420.97
Furniture and Fixtures	35,699.89
General Equipment	9,764.55
Accumulated Depreciation	-67,455.45
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>26,976.96</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>281,059.87</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	-69.90
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<u>-69.90</u>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Direct Deposit Liabilities	-1,363.75
Payroll Liabilities	3.24
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>-1,360.51</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>-1,430.41</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>-1,430.41</u>
<b>Equity</b>	
Retained Earnings	177,856.02
Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25
Net Income	57,470.01
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>282,490.28</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>281,059.87</u></u>

# MONTREAT & MINISTRY

## MONTREAT 2021

Our high school students just wrapped up another awesome week at the Montreat Youth Conference. This year's theme was "Called to Connect". Each day explored a topic related to the theme - Interconnected, Disconnected, Reconnected, Well Connected, and Biconnected. The last one is a term related to graph theory. Be sure to quiz one of our youth on that one! Although this year was a bit different due to COVID restrictions, all of the classic Montreat moments were had - rock hopping, staying up late, energizers, the candlelight service, and sharing communion in a COVID safe manner with 500 teenagers. Thank you so much to all of you for your financial support and prayers for the trip!



## WHAT IS YOUR MINISTRY?

Fifteen short verses in the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew spells out, in no uncertain terms, what Disciples of Christ are expected to do. On the Day of Judgment, those who inherit the Kingdom will be those who truly served their God. "For I was hungry," God will say from his throne, "and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. . . . Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

No clearer statement could explain how Christians are to engage in the world around them. In 2016 and again in 2018, the PC(USA) General Assemblies exhorted the denomination to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned, or poor. It was an urgent call to be a church of action, where God's love, justice and mercy shine forth and are contagious. In that spirit, Erin is asking God how we can best serve our brothers and sisters in this place and time. As a starting point, you are invited to tell us about the various service ministries you, our members, are already engaged in – whether an organized effort like Meals on Wheels, or a personal initiative. We encourage you to submit a short description of the ministry you are called to, why this ministry is important to you, and how others can support it or participate in it. Each month, our newsletter readers will hear about one or more opportunities to love God and serve his children.

We know that being hearers of the Word is not enough. We must believe and act on the gospel message. Matthew 25 calls us to action.

-Kellan Sarles

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## MOM'S MORNING OUT

Wednesdays, 9:30 am - Noon  
Family Life Center & Playground

Are the kids bored and restless? Do you need a break: time for a coffee or to run errands? Then drop them off at Erin Church for **Mom's Morning Out**, every Wednesday morning.

Kids will have fun with puzzles, games, movies, crafts, and playground time. They probably won't even miss you!

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To sign up and get weekly email reminders.



# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES



## OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

	JULY 4TH	JULY 11TH	JULY 18TH	JULY 25TH
GUIDE/READER	Kellan Sarles	John House	Diana Brandon	Elaina Wood
USHERS	David/Brooks Eggers	Randy/Kellan Sarles	Kim and Dusty Pennington	Jim Montgomery Duane Parker
COUNTERS	Rickey McCallum Joe Jaynes	John House Craig Strand	Neill Murphy Ian Bone	Rickey McCallum John House
NURSERY	Evelyn Stuart	Elaina Wood	Lahla Deakins	Brooks Eggers

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

	JUNE 6TH	JUNE 13TH	JUNE 20TH	JUNE 27TH
GUIDE	Don and Linda Quinley	Dave and Sara Leckie	Andy and Kelcey Sarles	Randy and Kellan Sarles
READER	Randy and Kellan Sarles	Cathy Van Ostrand Kelly Boyd	Yvette and Kids Freter	Don and Linda Quinley
CHILDREN'S SERMON	John Stuart	Joy Bornhoeft	Kelly Boyd	Mary Virginia Paletta